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1. FOLLOWING ARE SUGGESTED REMARKS FOR AMBASSADOR
ABRAMOWITZ FOR PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS.

YOUR MAJESTY:

I HAVE THE HONOR TO PRESENT TO YOUR MAJESTY THE LETTER
OF RECALL OF AMBASSADOR CHARLES S. WHITEHOUSE AND THE
LETTER OF CREDENCE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED
STATES OF AMERICA TO YOUR MAJESTY ACCREDITING ME AS
AMBASSADOR EXTRAORDINARY AND PLENIPOTENTIARY. I BRING TO
YOUR MAJESTY AND THE PEOPLE OF THAILAND THE WARM PERSONAL
EXPRESSIONS OF GOOD WILL AND HIGH ESTEEM FROM PRESIDENT
CARTER AND THE SINCERE, FRIENDLY GOOD WISHES OF THE
AMERICAN PEOPLE.

YOUR MAJESTY, I HAVE BEEN PRIVILEGED TO TRAVEL TO YOUR
BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS IN THE PAST.
TODAY IT IS A GREAT PERSONAL DISTINCTION AND HONOR FOR
ME TO BE ACCREDITED TO REPRESENT MY COUNTRY IN THIS NATION
WITH WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS ENJOYED SUCH A LONG
AND FRUITFUL RELATIONSHIP. I LOOK FORWARD IN THE COMING
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MONTHS AND YEARS TO DEEPENING MY KNOWLEDGE AND UNDER-
STANDING OF YOUR GREAT NATION AND TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE
CONTINUATION AND ENRICHMENT OF THAT RELATIONSHIP WHICH
FOR MORE THAN A CENTURY HAS BEEN MARKED BY HARMONY,
MUTUAL RESPECT AND A COMMON DESIRE FOR PEACE, INDEPEN-
DENCE AND FREEDOM.
TODAY THAILAND FACES NEW CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES TO

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF THIS REGION. I AM ESPECIALLY PLEASED TO BE IN THAILAND AT A TIME WHEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, ALONG WITH OTHER NATIONS OF THE AREA, ARE PRESENTED WITH THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK TOGETHER TOWARD PEACE AND INCREASED COOPERATION.

THAILAND AND THE UNITED STATES HAVE WORKED CLOSELY AND PRODUCTIVELY OVER THE YEARS REGARDLESS OF THE NATURE OF THE CHALLENGE BEFORE US. TOGETHER WE HAVE MADE PROGRESS IN COMBATING THE MENACE OF INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING. WE HAVE JOINTLY SOUGHT HUMANE SOLUTIONS TO DEAL WITH THE TRAGIC PLIGHT OF INDOCHINA REFUGEES. THE UNOFFICIAL BONDS BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES ESTABLISHED THROUGH THE THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS AND THAI WHO HAVE TRAVELED AND STUDIED IN EACH OTHERS' LAND PROVIDES A STRONG UNDERPINNING TO OUR OFFICIAL TIES.

PRESIDENT CARTER HAS MADE CLEAR THAT THE UNITED STATES INTENDS TO REMAIN A PACIFIC POWER, INVOLVED AND INTERESTED IN THE PROGRESS AND PROBLEMS OF THE REGION. THE PROBLEMS MAY CHANGE THROUGH TIME, BUT WE ARE COMMITTED TO WORK TOGETHER WITH THAILAND AND OTHERS IN THE REGION IN FINDING WORKABLE AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL SOLUTIONS TO THE BASIC ISSUES FACING THIS REGION. IN THIS REGARD, MY GOVERNMENT HAS ATTACHED GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE MINISTERIAL MEETING IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF ASEAN. WE HOPE THIS MEETING WILL CONTRIBUTE SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE AREA.

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IN ASSUMING MY DUTIES AS AMERICAN AMBASSADOR, I WILL DEDICATE MYSELF TO BUILDING UPON THE CONFIDENCE, TRUST AND FRIENDSHIP WHICH HAVE BEEN THE HALLMARK OF OUR RELATIONSHIP THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. IT IS MY EARNEST WISH THAT THE BONDS OF UNDERSTANDING AND FRIENDSHIP THAT UNDERLIE OUR RELATIONS WILL GROW EVEN STRONGER IN THE COMING YEARS. MY ENERGIES, YOUR MAJESTY, WILL BE DIRECTED TO THAT END. O'DONOHUE

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